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EXAMINER: DEREK S. CHAPEL
TITLE: OPTICAL ISOLATOR, ATTENUATOR, CIRCULATOR AND SWITCH

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
United States of America

Dear Sir,

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(c)

The following is a response to the final Office Action mailed January 19th, 2010.

A new declaration regarding inventorship is included complying with rules of the USPTO.

Words "previously amended" have been changed to "previously presented" in the list of claims in compliance with rules of the USPTO.

Applicant requests that the following arguments be considered touching the merits of the application and asserts that the arguments are necessary and could not have been presented earlier as the examiner introduces new grounds for rejection.

Examiner now rejects the pending application based upon 35 USC 102(b), citing US Pat. No. 5,864,428 as the prior art reference.